

ENVIRONMENTAL HEARINGS OFFICE

Minutes of Meeting

August 22, 2006

9:00 am

The August 2006 meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Lynch in the Boards' office in Lacey, Washington. Present were Chair Bill Lynch and Board Members Kathleen Mix and Andrea McNamara Doyle; Administrative Appeal Judges, Phyllis Macleod, Kay Brown, and Cassandra Noble; Administrative Manager Robyn Bryant and Administrative Secretary Debbie Joblonski. Minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

Handouts were distributed for review for the month of July, which included the pollution, shoreline, forest practice, hydraulic, and environmental and land use appeals filed, a brief summary of all cases that have closed, and the Case Statistics Report.

Appellate Update

Chair Bill Lynch reported that there was a petition for review filed in Supreme Court for Preserve Our Islands, Washington Environmental Council, and People for Puget Sound v. King County and Northwest Aggregates. Mr. Lynch also reported that City of Union Gap v. Ecology's direct certification to the Court of Appeals, Division III was denied so the case will go to Yakima County Superior Court.

Agency Retreat

A meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2006 at 9:30 am and October 19th during the lunch hour to further discuss items of the retreat. Each person is to bring 3 ideas about how to make the website more user friendly. Items to be discussed are: EHO website, procedural assistance and frequently asked questions.

SGN Proposal

This proposal is to connect to the state government network. It will provide access to global email and put us behind the state fire wall. Once connected, we can contract with the Department of Information Services for additional services, including hosting our e-mail and maintaining our two servers. SGN connectivity will likely be required of all state agencies in the future. We will review the contract and requirements that need to be met.

Building Update

The carpet has been cleaned and the windows have been washed on both the inside and outside.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Debbie Joblonski
Administrative Secretary